5 get death penalty for kidnapping

KARACHI, Dec 31: Special judge anti-terrorism court (ATC), Karachi, Mr Hakim Ali Abbasi, on Thursday awarded death sentence to five people involved in kidnapping for ransom, and fine of Rs50,000 each. In default of payment the accused would have to under-go one more year's rigorous imprisonment.

The punishment was announced by the court after it was proved that Mohammad Alam, Meraj, Shahid Alam, Mohammad Mumtaz, and Mohammad Noshad were guilty of kidnapping a teenage boy, Adnan Alias Muna, from Orangi Extension area.

They had demanded cash of Rs10,000 from the mother of Adnan, who later complained to the Orangi Extention police station and the kidnappers were arrested by the police from a house which had served as their hideout. The police had recovered Adnan from their possession.

The mother had expressed inability to furnish the ransom. Naseem Javed and A. Sattar Khatri appearing for the police produced more than eight prosecution witnesses to support their charge.

The defence failed to produce witnesses in its favour.

The same court this month had awarded capital punishment to two persons Shahid Mehmood and Mohammad Khan accused of double- murder.— PPI